

Lanesboro Public Utilities

Council Chambers

12:00 p.m., April 19, 2010

Member(s) Present: Evenson, Schuck and O'Connor

Absent:

Visitors: Jerod Wagner, Jim Peterson, Butch Culbertson and Bobbie Vickerman

REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Evenson. The agenda was approved with the additions of capital improvement plan and conservation improvement plan, with a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck, motion carried. The minutes of the Joint Council and Utilities meeting on March 8th, 2010, were approved with a motion by Schuck, second by O'Connor, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

N/A

HOUSEKEEPING:

Paying of the Bills: O'Connor made a motion to pay the bills as presented and the normal bills that occur, second Schuck, motion carried.

Past Due Bills: Reviewed accounts. O'Connor made a motion to not cut off any accounts for this month and to review at the next meeting, second Schuck, motion carried.

Water Tower Maintenance: Peterson provided an estimate from Liquid Engineering to perform an inspection for both water towers at a cost of \$2,920 with an additional \$250 per tank for a written report. Evenson made a motion to pay up to \$3,500 for tower maintenance inspections, second Schuck, motion carried.

North Tie: Peterson reported that Dale Egge is looking at building a home on his property which would require the North Tie line improvement to happen soon. Peterson is working with Norm's Electric and the City Attorney to make this happen. O'Connor made a motion to proceed with North Tie electric line upgrade, second Evenson, motion carried.

UMMPA Updates: Wagner reported he met, on behalf of UMMPA, in Blue Earth, Minnesota to discuss buying MW base load. The Group is working towards other options in the future of power supply and ownership. He noted that the rates from DPC will increase less than projected for 2011, but there are no firm numbers as of yet. He also discussed the renewable energy credit that the utility is eligible for that will help with future needs; however he noted that the state will be increasing its requirements next year.

State Bonding Bill: Vickerman reported that the City of Lanesboro / Lanesboro Public Utilities has been granted \$450,000 from the state bonding bill.

Dam/Hydro: Peterson reported that the hydro ran for 90,000 kw in March and 89,000 kw in April.

Street Light Grant: Vickerman reported that unfortunately we did not receive the street light grant.

Street Light Fees: Vickerman showed the Commission the Street light fees that the City of Preston had recently implemented, noting that it may be an option. Vickerman, Peterson and Wagner will pull all pertinent information together in regards to how much a street light fee would benefit.

Letter from Hal Cropp: Vickerman noted that Cropp and VIS Plumbing stated that Cropp's sewer was plugged on the City side and asked the PU Commission to reimburse the cost for VIS's service. Peterson reported that the hook up to the City is across to the other side of the street. He noted that they put in new line up to their old existing line. Peterson stated that it was the property owner's portion that was plugged and that there was no effect on the city line. O'Connor made a motion to have Vickerman draft a response to Mr. Cropp noting that it is the homeowner's responsibility due to the estimated distance, second Evenson, motion carried.

Conservation Improvement Policy: O'Connor brought up the question about rebates for energy efficiency for the grocery store and other possible new businesses. O'Connor made a motion that a new business can not use over 50% of the annual allocation in rebates, second Evenson, motion carried.

Capital Improvement Plan: O'Connor noted that he felt we should invite Bubany back to discuss the capital improvement plan and to implement a living document for the Public Utilities to use to assist in rates and other functions of the PU.

ADJOURN:

The meeting stood adjourned at 1:16 p.m. on a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck, motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk